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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: DR. KENNETH A. NEWBY

REF: NEWBY/CAO LETTER OF JUNE 4, 1975

1. POST IN RECEIPT REQUEST FACILITATE VISIT, CONTACTS AND RESEARCH EFFORTS DR. KENNETH A. NEWBY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR EDUCATION, ATLANTA UNIVERSITY DURING PERIOD JULY 27 - AUGUST 8.

2. ACCORDING NEWBY, "A VERY MODEST GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED (HIM) BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH WILL ALLOW HIM TRAVEL NIGERIA."

3. ALTHOUGH, UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD WILLINGLY ASSIST RESEARCHER'S EFFORTS, WE FIND HIS PROPOSAL "THE GOVERNANCE OF EDUCATION IN NIGERIA" POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AND BELIEVE IT BEST -- IN TERMS U.S./NIGERIA RELATIONS -- THAT WE NOT BECOME INVOLVED.

4. IN BRIEF, NEWBY'S PREMISE IS THAT "IBO TRIBE, (HAVING) THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, PROVIDED MOST OF THE EDUCATION THROUGHOUT NIGERIA PRIOR TO WAR AND THAT THIS WAS ONE OF ISSUES OF WAR." HE THEREFORE PROPOSES "INVESTIGATE IMPACT MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS HAD UPON IBO PROFESSIONALS WITHIN PAST FIVE YEARS" AND INDICATES HE INTERESTED COVERING "WITH PEOPLE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EDUCATIONAL POLICY MAKING IN LAGOS OR EAST CENTRAL STATE."

5. IN LIGHT RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED PARA. 3 (ABOVE) WE SUGGEST NEWBY CLEAR PROPOSAL WITH NIGERIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND THAT HE REQUEST THEY FACILITATE CONTACTS RESEARCH EFFORTS PRIOR HIS DEPART-

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URE NIGERIA.

6. IF NIGERIAN EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, HE CAN PROCEED. HOWEVER, IN VIEW SUBJECT MATTER AND ITS SENSITIVITY, POST PREFERS NOT RPT NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT.

7. SINCE WE HAVE NO RECORD OF NEWBY'S HAVING RECEIVED A CU OR DHEW GRANT, REQUEST ANY INFO RE TYPE OF GRANT HE RECEIVED. IF NO GRANT GIVEN YET, WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST IT. OTHERWISE SUGGEST NEWBY CHANGE SUBJECT OF PROJECT.

8. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS THIS APPROACH, PLEASE CONTACT NEWBY AT-LANTA UNIVERSITY (TELEPHONE: 526-4357 OR 524-8962) AND ADVISE SAME.

9. ADVISE.
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